

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (JOINT OR SOLE)****(Under 37 CFR § 1.63; with Power of Attorney)****FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP**

FLH File No. 450100-4987

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,  
 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first  
 and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is  
 sought on the invention ENTITLED:

**IMAGING APPARATUS AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS**

the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

☒ **X** was filed on July 14, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/353,287,  
 with amendment(s) through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable, give dates).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including  
 the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me  
 to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s)  
 for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or  
 inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	List additional applications on separate page:	Priority Claimed:
Number:	Country:	Filed (Day/Month/Year):
10-204088	Japan	17 July 1998
10-331614	Japan	20 November 1998
		Yes No
		X
		X

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed  
 below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United  
 States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the  
 duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to  
 patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, which became available between the filing  
 date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s) [List additional applications on separate page]:

Appln. Ser. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed (Day/Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Status (patented, pending, abandoned): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby appoint WILLIAM S. FROMMER, Registration No. 25,506, and DENNIS M. SMID, Registration No. 34,930  
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 application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuation and divisional applications thereof, to  
 receive the Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection  
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on  
 information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that  
 willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of  
 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application  
 or any patent issued thereon.

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 having rights to the invention must also sign an appropriate separate "Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming [or  
 Supporting a Claim by Another for] Small Entity Status" form [e.g. for Independent Inventor, Small Business Concern,  
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Note: A post office address must be provided for each inventor.

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